Odyssey of Oddities

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In a neighborhood in San Francisco on a bright sunny day, bootleg off brand versions of Annie and Jake are walking down the street and they have papers. They are two people that are dressed and made to look like Annie and Jake but they look a bit off from the originals. They knock on an old lady's door and the old lady answers it. Bootleg Annie said, "Hello miss. I am Annie and this is Jake." Bootleg Annie takes out an ad flyer and she hands it to the old lady. Bootleg Annie continues, "As you may have heard, there is an inhumane insane asylum that is being run very close by. They kidnap innocent civilians from this city that were wrongfully accused of crimes they didn't commit and they force them to live in this town where they get whipped around." Bootleg Jake said, "We barely managed to escape and all we can do is spread awareness of this injustice." Bootleg Annie said, "With your monetary help and support, you can give us some donations so we can fund better awareness campaigns that will eventually lead to the take down of this insane asylum." The old lady looks at the flyer and it has depictions of the inhumane things that happen in this crazy town and it is mostly a collection of still images from some of the real Annie and Jake's adventures. The old lady said, "My dears. You've had it bad. Don't worry. I will give you some money." She gives them some money and bootleg Annie and Jake's eyes turn to dollar signs.

Bootleg Annie and Jake waltz down the streets of the San Francisco suburbs and they knock on doors and tell their sob stories and they are handed piles of cash. Bootleg Annie and Jake find Admiral Lightning's mansion and they knock on his door and he answers. Bootleg Annie said, "Hello. I am Annie and this is Jake." Admiral Lightning gives them a stern look and said, "No you're not. I know Annie and Jake and they don't look anything like you. What's this?" He reaches at them and rips the flyers out of their hands and he sees they are after monetary donations. Admiral Lightning said, "This looks like some kind of scam thing. You dumb scammers think you're performing a service, but you're not. All you are good at doing is stealing money from people. You are nothing but criminals." Bootleg Annie said, "We're not criminals. We were accused of being criminals and sent to this asylum. We are trying to get people to take our side and…" Admiral Lightning said, "I know the real Annie and Jake and they would never ask people for money in this manner. Also, if the real Annie and Jake ever escaped from that crazy town, that damn mayor would know about it by now and he would send his goons after you." Bootleg Annie said, "Well, got to go…" Bootleg Annie and Jake run off and Admiral Lightning chases them down the street. Admiral Lightning said, "Get back here! Give everyone their money back!" Bootleg Annie and Jake split up at an intersection and they run separate ways and Admiral Lightning makes it to the intersection and he violently huffs and puffs and he falls on the pavement in exhaust.

The real Annie and Jake are in their residence where their phone rings. Annie answers it and Admiral Lightning is on the other end of the line. He said, “Annie. There’s a scam going on in San Francisco and someone is using your likeness and your quest to take down crazy town for their story.” Annie said, “Someone is using me for a scam?” Admiral Lightning said, “Yes. You and Jake are being used. These people are dressing like you and Jake and they are knocking on doors and asking for money. I tried to stop them but they run far too fast for me. I am warning you about this because it is likely people will report these scammers and it may result in you getting arrested again rather than the scammers. If you need any assistance, you can call me at my new phone number of 415 L I T NING. It spells out L I T N I N G.” Annie writes it on a sheet of paper and said, “Litning?” Admiral Lightning said, “Well, phone numbers aren’t long enough to cover my full name. Just be careful and watch yourselves.” Annie hangs up the phone and she said, “Jake, there are some scammers that are pretending to be us to gain money.” Jake said, “Why would anyone want to pretend to be us? Since when were we ever successful at anything?” Annie said, “I don’t know why they would choose us for a scam like this of all people but there must be a deeper motif for this.”

Annie and Jake head to a classroom where their lazy teacher lazily hands out papers that have stupid math equations on them and riddles that don’t make any sense. Isaac and Wayon rip right through them by rapidly writing down the answers. Jake said, “We’ve been stuck in this crazy town for years and it seems like not much has changed since we were first detained in this place.” Annie said, “Yeah. I thought I would have some science and technology degree by now. Instead they are making us do these stupid worksheets that make no sense.” Some buff agents enter the classroom and they spot Annie and Jake. One of them said, “I’ve found Annie and Jake.” They run and they grab onto Annie and Jake and they drag them out of the classroom. Jake said, “What did we do?” Isaac laughs and said, “Looks like Annie and Jake are getting arrested again.” Wayon said, “They gave us a tude and now they get the shrewd.”

The mayor is at his desk and the agents bring Annie and Jake to his office. The agents give a presentation to the mayor. They set up a projector and they show him a slideshow. The first slide shows the bootleg Annie and Jake giving out flyers and asking for donations on a street corner. The agent said, “For some time now, we have been getting calls about these scammers that have been spotted in the San Francisco area that have been deceiving people for money so they can take down this asylum.” The slide changes and it shows the money getting distributed into different bank accounts. The agent continues, “Our intelligence has found that this money has not been used for the cause it promotes. It actually goes into the an unknown bank account. We have come to the conclusion that your Annie and Jake have been running this scam to take down the asylum. Normally, someone would get arrested for a crime like this but Annie and Jake are already serving a sentence.” Annie said, “That’s not us.” The agent said, “Well, those photos we have of the scammers match your photos.” Annie said, “That Annie’s head looks different than mine.” Jake said, “Yeah. If you look closely, you can tell that is not her real hair. It looks like a wig.” The Mayor said, “You kids have been trying to dismantle this beautiful town of mine for years now. There have been times where you successfully escaped only to be brought back in to the town. It seems very well possible that Annie and Jake could have escaped undetected to pull off this scam.” The agent said, “It is clear that Annie and Jake have managed to commit a crime even while incarcerated. We believe that this town is not fit to hold them. Since you have authority over Annie and Jake, we have decided to lock them up in a prison that is better suited for them.

We have found the only prison that can do that is Guantanamo Bay. We would need your approval for this." The mayor gives a devilish smile and said, "Oh yes. That place is perfect for those li'l terrorists called, Annie and Jake."

Annie and Jake are sent to Guantanamo Bay where they are dressed in gritty orange uniforms and are placed in a dry, dusty, and dirty prison cell in a small enclosure. They see other criminals that look rugged as if they were brought here from a war zone. Annie and Jake pan their heads around the prison and in a cell across from them they see a familiar crazy lady. Jake said, "She looks familiar." Annie said, "Could that be her? Madame Tupsplix?" Madame Tupsplix looks at Annie and Jake and she said, "Look what the cat dragged in. The very people responsible for bringing me to this hellhole of a prison are now locked up in this same prison right in front of me. Oh how poetic this is." Jake said, "We didn't commit any crimes. We were wrongfully accused." Tupsplix said, "Yeah. That's what they always say. I haven't been out of this prison in years. I lost count of how long I have been here." Annie said, "Tupsplix, you were pretty smart and cunning. You built that entire wax civilization, which was a very accurate recreation of the crazy town. I'm sure we can work out some way to break out of this prison." Some guy with a hose walks into the prison and he uses the hose and it sprays a rapid fast and powerful stream of gruel into a bowl that is on the ground and there is one bowl for each prisoner. Jake said, "Gruel? I wonder what kinds of stuff they put in it." Annie said, "This place is going down. Since when did we ever fail to solve a predicament?" Jake said, "Well, we are currently in a predicament right now that we still haven't solved. You once referred to it as an, 'Odyssey of Oddities.'" Annie said, "Well, regardless of what happens, we always end up back in crazy town."

Annie and Jake pace in their cell and Madame Tupsplix said, "This place is a perfect example for why America is Doomed. America claims to be the greatest country in the world and yet, they allow injustices like this prison and that crazy town you live in to exist." Jake raises a fist at Madame Tupsplix and he said, "Screw you. America is awesome." Annie said, "Sure, it may be flawed but it does provide a great deal of opportunities. Or at least it is supposed to."

Annie, Jake, and Madame Tupsplix are brought outside to a table where they make the prisoners do arts and crafts. They are given clumps of clay. The guard that brings out the clay said, "Here's some clay. Maybe build a better character out of it." Annie said, "I really don't think playing with clay is going to help reform some of the worst criminals in the world." Annie and Jake play around with the clay and Madame Tupsplix discretely takes some of the clay and hides it in some of the pockets in her prison uniform. Jake said, "What are you…" Tupsplix quietly says, "Shut up. I've been doing this for years." Jake said, "To make this place your next replica town?" Tupsplix said, "No. It is something better. I insist you do the same." Annie and Jake also discretely hide clay in their prison uniforms.

The prison director for Guantanamo Bay is in his office looking over computer screens and someone barges into the office. He said, "Director Sir, we have just received reports from San Francisco, San Jose, Sacramento, and LA that confirm that Annie and Jake have been spotted in those cities and they are still carrying out their scam." The guy that barged in places some report papers on the director's desk. The director said, "How is this possible?" The guy that barged in said, "Maybe the Annie and Jake we captured were not the same ones that were doing this scam?" The director said, "There is only one explanation for this. These reports are dated from after Annie and Jake were imprisoned in this facility. That means they

must have found a way to escape and head back to California." The guy that barged in shows a live camera feed of Annie and Jake's prison cell showing they are locked up there. The director said, "That Annie must be smarter than we realize. How else could she have escaped to California, did her scams, and then run back here?"

Annie and Jake are in their prison cell and the prison director enters and he goes up to their cell. He said, "I don't know how you pulled if off but your scam is still continuing." Annie said, "That's because it is not us running the scam. It is impostors of us." The director said, "Cut that crap. I know it is really you. You do realize we have the authority to execute troublesome criminals, right? If I catch you scamming more people, you will end up with the chair." He leaves the prison room. Jake chatters his teeth and he said, "Is he really going to execute us?" Annie said, "He might just be saying that to scare us." Madame Tupsplix said, "Oh, they do execute people here. I've seen it with my own eyes." Annie said, "We must get out of here. Those scammers are going to continue to scam the people in California and the prison director thinks it is us." Jake said, "If we don't get out of here soon, we will be killed."

Tupsplix said, "I think I have enough clay here now." She goes to a pile of hay and she lifts it revealing a secret stash of clay. Madame Tupsplix shows that she made a very small miniature of herself in clay. Jake said, "A miniature? How's that going to get us out of here?" Tupsplix said, "Like this." She uses some clay she has and she forms a ladder and she climbs to the security camera and she places the fake version of her on the lens. Tupsplix said, "Now we run out the vent." Tupsplix brings out more clay and she makes a taller ladder and she climbs for the vent and she opens it. She said, "I guess we must all escape together. If the guards find one of us, they will think we are all guilty and we will all get executed. I don't want the Tupsplix legacy to end yet." She throws some clay to Annie and Jake and they use what clay they have and they make miniatures of themselves. They put the mini clay Annie and Jake on the lens and they use the other clay they collected and obtained from Madame Tupsplix and they build a ladder and they climb into the vent and they crawl through it.

The director is looking at the live security feeds and someone barges in and said, "Director, we have new reports from just now that say that Annie and Jake are scamming more people in San Diego." The director said, "Blast. I'm going to rip that Annie and Jake a new one." He looks at the security camera feed and it shows Annie and Jake in their cell. He then gets up and goes to their cell and he sees Annie and Jake are gone and what he saw was just clay on the camera. The prison director said, "Someone's going to pay."

Annie and Jake are with Madame Tupsplix in a vent and they are looking outside. They see the barbed wire barrier off in the distance. They see the prison director assembles all the prison personnel in front of him. He said, "We have two prisoners that escaped today and they are already back in California committing more scams. One of you must have let them escape. Which one of you was it? If none of you answer, I am going to assume it was a group effort and you will all get discharged." One of the guards said, "I think it was Cliff." Cliff said, "It wasn't me." The director goes to Cliff and said, "You sure? I think you're lying to me." Cliff said, "I think it was Frederick." Frederick said, "It wasn't me." Cliff said, "It fricking is." The guards start fighting. Tupsplix said, "Now's our cue to escape." Annie, Jake, and Tupsplix escape from the vent and they are outside.

Annie, Jake, and Tupsplix leave the section unnoticed and they make it to the electrified wired barrier. Jake said, “This barrier is electrified. What are we going to do?” Madame Tupsplix spots a shed nearby that has some wire cutters with rubber handles. She uses the cutters to cut a large opening in the barrier and they run out. They find an unattended speedboat that is docked on the shore. Madame Tupsplix said, “Looks like it is our only way out of here.” They jump in the boat and they head off for Florida.

They arrive on a small island off the coast of Florida. They walk along the shiny sparkly beach with smooth blue water and they can see several restaurants and tourist attractions in the distance. Jake said, “Where are we?” Annie said, “We must be in southern Florida. This may be the most southern point of the United States.” Madame Tupsplix said, “Well, I’m finally free. I don’t need you little dweebs anymore.” Annie said, “What are you going to do and where are you going to go? Your masterpiece was destroyed and the SWAT Team and Homeland Security are probably going to be on our backs. I know someone that can help us.”

Annie, Jake, and Madame Tupsplix go to a payphone and Annie reaches in the pockets of her prison uniform and she said, “I don’t have any coins. To make matters worse, the person I want to call is long distance.” Tupsplix shrugs and said, “Eh. That’s not a problem. My ex husband used to work for a company that serviced these things. Let me show you.” Madame Tupsplix enters a combination of numbers and then she pounds at one of the sides of the payphone and it dumps all the quarters out of it. Annie puts a small mound of quarters into the machine and she dials a number and said, “Admiral Lightning. You must help us. We were brought to Guantanamo Bay and we managed to escape. We are now on the southernmost island of Florida. Come for us before…” Gunfire destroys the payphone and they see the SWAT team is there and they are in heavily armored assault vessels and they have helicopters swirling around in the sky.

The three of them dodge lines of fire and they hide between two buildings. The buildings get gunned down to a point where they are destroyed and they run dodge more gunfire. Annie, Jake, and Tupsplix meet their match as they end up completely surrounded by the SWAT team and the army. An army man yells into a megaphone, “Annie and Jake. Come to us at once and there will be no bloodshed.” Jake looks scared as he grabs onto Annie and Tupsplix looks like she is ready to accept her fate.

Diamond shaped bullets go flying at the heavy metal army tanks and SWAT trucks and they explode and it is revealed that the diamond bullets originated from a flying diamond in the sky. Annie and Jake said, “Alright! Admiral Lightning!” The diamond hovers closely above the ground and a door opens up and stairs are extended and Annie, Jake, and Tupsplix run into the diamond. The diamond ascends into the sky and army helicopters and fighter jets begin dog-fighting with the diamond. Admiral Lightning twists and turns the diamond through the sky and he evades all the gunfire from the enemy fighters. They fire homing missiles at him and he twists the diamond around and he causes the homing missiles to spiral out of control and crash into each other. The diamond begins zipping far away from Florida and it heads for California.

Annie, Jake, and Tupsplix ride in the cabin inside the diamond where it looks like it is made out of shiny crystal and there are computers and control panels embedded in the walls. Annie said, “Thanks for saving us.” Jake said, “You came at the perfect moment.” Admiral

Lightning said, “Well, us superhero folk are supposed to rescue innocent citizens in danger. I also know you are innocent. I have done some research and it turns out that these scams are worse than we thought. It looks like they got smart and now they ask for their unsuspecting victims to use credit cards or debit cards and they use software on their card scanners to hack into their bank accounts and steal several thousands of dollars from their victims. This seems to be happening in several California cities. I have been trying to find them but there are so many city streets that it is nearly impossible to figure out when and where they are going to strike. I tried following them to their base of operations but after they spot me, they just run out to a wide open street and blend in with other people on the street. Reports have said that Annie and Jake have been spotted in several different cities and they seem to be the only ones that do the door knocking. Obviously, it can’t be the same Annie and Jake. It is either they got several actors to disguise themselves as Annie and Jake or maybe they used cloning.” Annie said, “Well, Jake knows way to well that cloning exists in this universe.” Jake said, “Yeah.”

Jake looks out one of the windows and he sees a neighborhood and he spots Annie and Jake in a white convertible and they drive down a side street. Jake said, “I see the impostors right now.” Annie and Admiral Lightning spot them and Admiral Lightning engages a lock on the car. The diamond hovers over the bootleg Annie and Jake and they look up and see the diamond. They realize they’ve been caught and they speed down the street. Admiral Lightning follows them and they start speeding. They speed onto a major freeway and they take an obscure exit. Admiral Lightning speeds and hovers over them. The flying diamond gem is speeding over the white car and it drives off into the woods where it goes to a familiar looking dome.

Bootleg Annie enters in a code on a lock on the door to the dome and they enter. The door shuts and is sealed afterwards. Admiral Lightning lands his diamond in front of the dome. Jake said, “They went into that dome that looks awfully familiar. It seems to be locked with a secret code.” Annie said, “Yeah. This dome does look familiar.” Madame Tupsplix said, “I know this place quite well. That’s the dome that held the wax replica of crazy town I made. You two remember that, don’t you?” Annie said, “Yeah. I remember that wax copy. How will we get inside?” Madame Tupsplix said, “No one takes any of my stuff from me. I know the code to override that system.”

Madame Tupsplix enters the code on the lock and the door opens allowing all of them to enter. They come across a large factory where millions of Annie and Jake’s are being manufactured and they are being placed in crates to be shipped to various different cities across the United States. Some Annie and Jake’s are watching everything and they spot the heroes that just entered. They turn to them and their eyes turn red. One of the bootleg Annies said, “INTRUDER ALERT!!!” Legions of Annie and Jakes run up to the heroes. Admiral Lightning smacks one down and he kicks down another. He uses his handheld diamond gem as a weapon to fight off the fake Annie and Jakes. Jake smacks a copy of himself and it hurts his hand. Annie tries to smack a copy of herself down and it causes her fist to inflate in paint. Madame Tupsplix said, “You’re doing it all wrong. You must kill them like this…” She grabs onto one of the Jakes and she opens up the back of its head and she jabs her arm into is and she pulls out its circuitry and the Jake is left on the ground dead.

Madame Tupsplix preps her fists for a great battle and she said, “Who stole my dome? Who is using my wax replicas for this crime? If no one comes forth, there will be hell to be

paid." Tupsplix finds a small almost unnoticeable cylinder on the ground and she grabs it and it reveals an entrance to the underground of the dome. Madame Tupsplix said, "This is most likely where the scammers are."

The heroes go to the underground as they try to fight off all the Annies and Jakes. They find the main control center where there are several computers which are encased behind glass. They see bootleg Annie and bootleg Jake standing on either sides of the main computer chair. Jake said, "Are these the masterminds?" The bootleg Annie and Jake turn around and the computer chair turns around revealing an eleven year-old girl with dark pink hair in long pigtails that stick up over her head and face left and right with jagged lines. She also wears a purple and green striped shirt with a collar. She grins revealing her overly sharp teeth. Annie said, "You're the one running this scam? You look like a kid." The mastermind said, "Well, little girls can achieve so much. You of all people would know that." Annie said, "I guess you're right." Jake said, "It's over dirt bag. Give up everything you stole and we can end this right now." The mastermind said, "Or what? I have these overpowered wax figures at my side. These ones are stronger than the mass produced ones we are making right now. They are the ones made by the great Madame Tupsplix herself." Tupsplix said, "I know how to take down my own creations." Madame Tupsplix goes to fight the bootleg Annie and Jake and they smack her on the floor and they get her in a headlock where they throw her into a holding cell.

Annie said, "How would a little girl come up with an idea like this?" The mastermind said, "Well, my rich parents just bought me a new computer with a flawless internet connection and a new phone. I just watch videos that people post online. That's how I discovered Isaac and Wayon's videos about that crazy town asylum you live at. I also found a way to profit off your misfortune. I came across this dome with all this wax and I figured I could make wax duplicates of Annie and Jake perfectly. These two extras were left over from Madame Tupsplix's plot. If someone were to get arrested for all this, it would be Annie and Jake and they are already criminals to begin with. This place is also obscure and well hidden and our law enforcement officials are too dumb to think about coming here."

The mastermind shows a bright pink and girly looking cellphone and said, "Face it. I've won. In fact, I have the army and the SWAT team and the anti scam agents on my cellphone right now. I can just message them telling them two of America's most wanted criminals are right in front of me." Jake said, "NOOO!!!" Jake jumps and gets into a tug of war with the cellphone and he tries to rip it out of the little girl's hands. The mastermind said, "Ha. You are so pathetic and weak. Seriously Jake. What's the concept of you? You are weak and pathetic and you sound like Mickey Mouse." Jake becomes more enraged and the mastermind smacks him in the head and he loses his grip on the phone. The bootleg Annies and Jakes start fighting with Annie, Jake, and Admiral Lightning. They run back through the entrance and they are back in the factory where they are surrounded by Annies and Jakes. The copies go against the originals and Admiral Lightning said, "This is no match for my diamond gem." He throws his handheld diamond gem and it jabs into one of the wax duplicates and it bounces off and it hits another one and is deflected into the sky where it hits the ceiling and breaks a hole in it leaving a beam of sunlight coming in the dome. The sunlight beam shines over a wax Jake and it melts into a puddle of wax and circuits. Annie spots this and said, "That's it. Let me have your gem." Admiral Lightning uses his powers to have his gem fly back into his hand and he hands it to Annie. Annie runs and dodges the swarms of wax figures and she brings the gem into the beam of light and she aims it around

and it creates a large plethora of sunlight beams and they shine throughout the dome making it much brighter. Most of the wax duplicates get melted from the hot beams and they are left as puddles of liquid wax which builds up and starts to cause a flood. Annie aims the gem and the beams are projected on other pieces of factory equipment which are also made out of wax. The equipment melts which starts to create a tsunami of wax.

The wax floods into the underground and the mastermind attempts to swim in the wax and she is brought up to the factory. Jake swims to her and he sees her phone is in her hand and he tries to yank it out of her hand. She has a tight grip and she said, “Get off. You have diseases.” Annie and Admiral Lightning make balls out of the wax and they throw them at the girl and she loses her grip on her cellphone. Jake has it in his hands and Admiral Lightning throws his gem at the front door breaking it and all the wax and everything in the dome is ejected from it and they are left outside covered in wax.

Jake calls 911 on the cellphone and police, the army, the SWAT Team, and the anti scam agents arrive at the dome. The mastermind gets up and she said, “Eww. Liquid wax.” Jake shows that he has her phone and he said, “I wouldn’t want to be you right now?” The mastermind said, “Face it. My life is way better than yours will ever be. I am stronger and smarter that you. You will…” Annie goes up to the anti scam agents that showed up and Annie said, “We found the source of the scam. It came from this place.” Jake said, “Yeah. This stupid girl staged the whole thing. I have her phone right here.” Admiral Lightning has her computer and it is has some wax on it. He said, “There’s plenty of evidence on this thing.”

The anti scam agents connect the computer to a monitor they have and an external power source and it views programs used to control robotic animatronics that were sent to all the places that had the Annie and Jake scammers. Another anti scam agent goes through her phone and it has details of the chats she had with Isaac and Wayon and it is revealed they gave her information for this scam. The anti scam agent goes to the mastermind and said, “Do you realize you committed a crime?” The mastermind does a lame attempt of acting innocent with clear signs of guilt in her body language and speech, “It wasn’t me. It was my little brother.” The anti scam agent said, “All this on your phone and computer says otherwise. Your brother doesn’t seem to be here. I don’t think he had anything to do with this. There is more than sufficient evidence to warrant an arrest for you.” The mastermind is handcuffed and her maturity drops from being eleven-years-old to being four-years-old and she said, “NOOO!!!! I’m not going to jail!!! I’m not getting in the (Expletive Deleted) car!!!” She starts balling her eyes out. Annie and Jake give props to each other.

Annie and Jake are back in crazy town in the park at the height of day and they run into Isaac and Wayon. Isaac said, “So… did the judge go easy on you?” Annie said, “It is never glorious to manipulate a kid into committing a crime.” Isaac said, “Well, seeing the footage online of her getting arrested and turning into a four year old when she doesn’t get her cookie was strangely well worth it.” Annie gives Isaac and Wayon a stern look and she said, “I have no comment on this.” Jake said, “I just realized something. We left Madame Tupsplix at the dome. I wonder what happened to her afterwards.”

Madame Tupsplix climbs out of a destroyed confinement and she finds all the wax in the dome and she starts collecting it and molding it into new things.

Bonus Art of Annie and Jake kicking the scammers off the edge. Drawn by Carlos Soupotown.